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## TOO MUCH CONFIDENCE CAUSED JAPANESE BIG LOSS

### Sinking of the Transport Kinshui Maru Results in Criticism of Admiral Yezzen

## RUSSIAN CRUISER MAKES ESCAPE

### Slips Back to the Harbor at Vladivostok in Spite of Japanese Fleet

## CHINESE TROUBLE NOW

### Is to Restrain the Populace— Prediction that Mikado Will Win

### RUSSIAN PEOPLE PLEASED With the News That the Vladivostok Squadron Has Assumed the Aggressive.

### MAY COURTMARTIAL YESSEN.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—The operations of the Vladivostok squadron have revived the spirits of the people at St. Petersburg who have been downcast since the destruction of the Petropavlovsk and the consequent confinement of the command of the Baltic fleet to the harbor. The fact that the Japanese are doing something of an offensive character appeals to the popular mind, which has been unable to appreciate the reason for the inactivity of the Vladivostok squadron.

## JAPANESE DELAYED

### By the Severe Weather Prevailing in Manchuria

St. Petersburg, April 28.—The delay of the Japanese fleet in the movement of the land is impractical for the present.

## RUSSIANS REPULSED

### Defeated on Yalu River After Two Days Fight

St. Petersburg, April 28.—It is rumored that the Russians have suffered a defeat on the Yalu river. The Japanese attacked by Japanese warships and sunk off Asan. Many of the troops were killed.

## CHINA IS IN A PREDICAMENT

### Determined to be Friendly With Russia and Avoid Entanglement With Japan.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—A despatch from Tokio says the latest news from Wiju is to the effect that Russian and Japanese scouts are constantly exchanging shots.

## INTERVENTION FATAL TO CHINA

St. Petersburg, April 28.—Mr. Souren Chinesse in an interview today said that the intervention of Russia in the Russo-Japanese war is a fatal mistake.

## DETAILS OF DISASTER.

### It Was Torpedo Boat That Sank the Transport.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—Russian torpedo boats belonging to the Vladivostok squadron sank the Japanese transport Kinshui Maru, of 4000 tons, during the night of April 26 with all on board with the exception of 17 officers and 20 soldiers.

## NO MEDIATION.

### An Official Announcement Made from St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—The Official Messenger publishes a circular issued by the foreign office to Russian representatives abroad, declaring categorically that Russia will not accept mediation to terminate the war, which, the circular declares, was forced on her.

## RUSH IN SHOSHONE COUNTRY

### Caused by Reported Discovery of Valuable Ore.

Cody, Wyoming, April 28.—Prospectors are rushing to the canyon of the Shoshone river, five miles west of this place, where it is reported Tellurium ore assaying several hundred dollars and silver has been discovered. All available ground for miles around the canyon has been taken up by the prospectors.

## JAPANESE OFFICER TALKS

Young, April 28.—Major Togo, a member of the general staff of the Japanese army, who is a well known figure in the Japanese press, was interviewed by the Associated Press.

## YOUTH AND OLD AGE WEDDED

### At Bloomington Young Man Marries Woman Old Enough To Be His Grandmother.

## EFFORT TO ANNUL MARRIAGE.

Bloomington, April 28.—Anna Harmon, aged 69 and Charles F. Tiemann, aged 24, were married here today by Justice Shaffer.

The old lady lost her husband in the Big Four wreck at Menard last fall. He was one of the section men who were killed and it is feared by his friends that the loss of her husband has slightly affected her mind.

The company settled with her without a damage suit and it was understood that she received several thousand dollars. This money was recently paid over to her and she has been spending it extravagantly since.

She first attracted public attention the morning after the wreck by standing on the square for hours at a time, bewailing her loss and weeping over the death of her husband.

Now Mrs. Harmon steps before the public gaze again, but this time as a bride. The groom is Charles F. Tiemann. Not much is known of his antecedents. He is aged 24, but looks younger.

The two appeared before Justice Shaffer in his court on Center street at 9:30 o'clock this morning and were speedily pronounced man and wife. There were no witnesses except the justice's colleague, Squire Mason.

As soon as the marriage was noised a crowd of friends of the old lady decided that something should be done and they notified the attorney who had collected her money from the Big Four to take some action. He accordingly filed a petition for the appointment of a conservator and it is likely that the court will set aside the marriage.

It is not known if he has power to do so. He is convinced that the woman is not in her right mind. County Clerk Carter said that he would not have issued the license if he had been made acquainted with the facts in the case. He was surprised over the disparagement in the ages of the couple, but as no one could do anything but stand on and see the document, the bride owns some property in Stevensonville and the couple will probably reside there.

## CHARGE AGAINST CONSULS

### Returned Librarian Missionary Has Awful Tales to Tell About American Officials.

## PREACHER ONLY ONE TO ESCAPE

Washington, April 28.—Charges of gross immorality on the part of consular officials located in Liberia were made by Miss H. A. Klein, one of the speakers, at today's session of the conference of the United States consuls at Montevideo, the capital from charges made against other consular officials and paid a high tribute to him.

## ALL THE SMITHS INVITED.

### John Cabell Smith of Louisville Willing to Spend \$25,000.

Louisville, Ky., April 28.—The Smith family, now assembled in Louisville this fall for the plan of John Cabell Smith, a wealthy Kentuckian, is concerned in the Smiths at large.

Smith has issued a general invitation through the press to the Smiths of all ages to assemble in Louisville for a three days' reunion and he will defray all the expenses of entertainment. He says he is willing to spend \$25,000 on the occasion, but that he will drop it if he receives assurances that the Smith family of the United States will be represented by a fair proportion of those bearing the name.

## FORGER IS CAUGHT.

### Alleged to Have Raised Various Bank Drafts.

New York, April 28.—A telegram was received here today announcing that E. M. Withers, the alleged forger and swindler, under indictment for grand larceny for having obtained \$18,800 on raised bank drafts from the National Bank of Chicago, has been arrested in Alameda, Mich. Withers' alleged transactions occurred in the latter part of December, 1903, and early in January of this year.

## ON STAND AT HANNIBAL.

### Although Thousands of Acres of Farm Land are Flooded.

Hannibal, Mo., April 28.—The Mississippi river has reached a stand here under water. Acres of farm lands are under water north of Hannibal, and wheat, corn and other crops are being washed away.

## UNCLE SAM'S NEW FIGHTER

### First Class Cruiser California Slides Into Pacific At Vallejo.

## FINEST SHIP OF HER CLASS

San Francisco, April 28.—With the usual accompaniment of tooting whistles, ringing bells and booming cannon, the new armored cruiser California, the first of Uncle Sam's navy to bear the name of the Golden state, was launched at the Union works, Vallejo today.

The ship, designed by Henry T. Scott, the ship builder, pressing the electric button that sent the great fighting boat down the ways to her first bath, and Miss Florence Pardee Gov. Pardee's daughter, some young governor's daughter, customary bottle of wine on the vessel's nose as it glided by and delivering the words, "I christen thee California."

The launching was fittingly and auspiciously carried out on the premises, while of a state nature, being under the direct charge of the Native Sons of the Golden West, now in session in Vallejo.

Gov. Pardee and staff in full uniform, Gen. Arthur MacArthur and staff, navy representatives and officers of the state militia gave splendid color to the launching, their bright uniforms and insignia of rank lending with admirable picturesqueness with the handsome gowns of the women.

The ceremonies were carried out without a hitch, the arrangements being as perfect as the cruiser's graceful glide into the water.

The cruiser California is supposed to embody the very latest and best in vessels of her class. She will cost, when completed, \$5,000,000. Her principal dimensions are: Length, 363 feet; water line, 593 feet; extreme breadth, 69 feet; mean draught, 24 feet; displacement, 13,440 tons. She will have twin screws and triple expansion engines of 23,000 horse power, capable of driving her at 22 knots an hour.

Her main battery is composed of four 8-inch rifles placed in two armored turrets, one forward and one aft. The secondary battery consists of 12 5-inch rapid fire guns, 4 3-pounder semi-automatic guns, 4 1-pounder automatic, 4 1-pounder rapid fire guns, 4 30-caliber machine guns, 4 30-caliber machine guns, 4 30-caliber machine guns, 4 30-caliber machine guns.

The California will have a belt of steel armor plate 7 feet wide on the water line and varying in thickness from 3 to 6 inches. Above the five inch armor plate is a belt of armor for 232 feet of the vessel's length.

## POLICE SAVED KID CARTER

### O'Brien Had Him Whipped in Three Rounds.

St. Louis, April 28.—The police stopped the fight between Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia and Kid Carter of Brooklyn in the third round of a scheduled fifteen round bout here tonight. Carter was completely outclassed being practically a beaten man at the end of the first round. He was sent to the hospital three times in the second round, going to his corner very groggy. In the third round he was put down and almost out by a right to the jaw. He attempted to get up, but the count of 20 minutes, but the police ordered the bout stopped.

## IRON MINE FIRE RAGING

### Heavy Damage Threatened at Ishpeming, Mich.

Ishpeming, Mich., April 28.—The fire which broke out today in the Iron Mining company's mine at Ishpeming, Mich., is still raging, and threatens heavy damage. The company has suspended operations at its east Norrie mine at Ironwood four hundred men have been affected, and it is feared that the mine will be lost.

## GERMAN METHODISTS MEET

### Ministers Well Known in Decatur Have Prominent Part in Program.

Burlington, Ia., April 28.—The district session of the German Methodist conference of the United States was taken up with the discussion of topics of interest to the church. E. H. Hertzler of Bloomington, preached a sermon in which he delivered a lecture on the subject of "The Church and the Social Problem." George E. Helder of Quincy reviewed the work of the conference during its existence.

## LANSING, MICH., HOTEL BURNS.

### One Man Killed and Two Dead in the Ruins.

Lansing, Mich., April 28.—The Bryan hotel burned tonight. Jerome Stores fell from the third story window and was probably fatally injured. It is feared two unknown boarders are dead in the ruins.

## CHINESE REFORMER

### Who Returned to Shanghai is Sentenced to Life.

Shanghai, April 28.—Reformer Wang Chao who was disgraced on account of his friendship for the agitator Kang Yu Wei, returned recently to Peking and was immediately arrested and sentenced to imprisonment for life at the instigation of the Manchurian Prince.

## DEATHS OF THE DAY.

Janaville, Wis., April 28.—Mayor A. O. Wilson died tonight after a long illness. He was editor of the Record for twenty-five years, has been postmaster and member of the state legislature and prominent in democratic state politics.

## NEW COMMANDER

### St. Petersburg, April 28.—Rear Admiral Vladimir Kornilov, of the Russian navy, was named as the new commander of the Baltic fleet.

## G. A. R. STATE OFFICERS

### Robert Mann Woods of Joliet Elected Commander—Lynch Law is Condemned.

## THE AUXILIARY SOCIETIES ELECT

Springfield, April 28.—The afternoon session of the Grand Army was devoted to election and installation of the following officers:

Commander—Robert Mann Woods, senior vice, Geo. R. Young, Maillon, junior vice John K. Stewart, Chicago, chaplain, Rev. J. B. Galesburg, medical director, Z. T. Baum, Paris. Resolutions were adopted condemning mob law and violence against the negro and favoring upholding of the law against lynching.

## LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

### Springfield, Ill., April 28.—The Illinois division of the Ladies of the Grand Army elected

President—Mrs. V. C. McClure, Peoria. Senior Vice—Mrs. Della Stowe, Springfield.

Junior—Mrs. Leoti Channon, Moline. Delegate at large to national convention, Mrs. Emily Taylor, Chicago.

## MISSIONARIES ACCEPTED.

### Presbyterian Board Makes Assignment to the Workers.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 28.—The following missionaries have been accepted by the Presbyterian board: Maud Newell, Baraboo, Wis., assigned to Pekin, China.

Maud Thoma, Wisconsin, probably Turkey.

Erff, M. Fry, Iowa, South America. Bertha Higbee, Marquette, Mich., unassigned.

Elizabeth Carson, South Dakota, Korea.

Marie Yutz, Michigan, Siam.

Charles Gilson Illinois, Siam.

Lila S. Halsey, Illinois, unassigned.

The time and place of holding the next meeting will be decided by the board of managers.

## FISHERMAN MAKES BIG CATCH.

### One Minnow on a Hook Resulted in Landing Three Pike at One Haul.

Seaford, Del., April 28.—While Mrs. John Harris of this place was cleaning a large pike she found another pike in its stomach.

She snatched the big pike and then cut open the smaller one and found in its stomach a third pike.

In the stomach of the third pike she found a minnow with a broken hook in its mouth.

It is believed that the minnow had been used for bait and was swallowed by the small pike, which being caught easily fell prey to the next size, which in turn met the same fate.

## PLEASURES THEM.

### Hungarians Think Their Contract All Right Now.

Budapest April 28.—Despatches from Washington announcing Lodges' proposition for the exclusion from the United States of aliens whose immigration is induced by agreements between foreign countries and steamship companies has not been enacted into law with received with lively satisfaction in government circles. It is now believed that the agreement with the Cunard Line is not likely to meet with further obstacles.

## WHO IS WILLIAMS?

### Indiana Populists Endorse Him for President.

Indianapolis, April 28.—The populists of Indiana held a state convention here today and named delegates at large and district delegates to the national convention, July 4th, at Springfield, Ill.

## MAYOR ON RAID.

### Council Bluffs Official With Gun Stops Gambling.

Council Bluffs, Ia., April 28.—Mayor McCrue today made a raid on the gambling places and caused the arrest of fourteen inmates. At one place the inmates attempted to escape, but the mayor placed his back against the door and drew a revolver, ordering them to submit to arrest. The patrol wagon took all, together with the fixtures and furniture, to the police station.

## CHINESE UPRISING

### Threaten the People Who, Flee to Cities for Protection.

London, April 28.—The Standard's Tien Tien correspondent reports a strong secret society movement, anti-governmental and anti-foreign, in progress in the vicinity of Tsinan-ku and that the people are flocking to cities for safety.

## LOUBET AT NAPLES.

### French President Given an Enthusiastic Reception.

Naples, April 28.—President Loubet arrived here today from Rome and was given a reception equalling in enthusiasm that accorded him in the eternal city.

## PAY HIS BILLS? IS ARRESTED.

He Was a Postmaster, However, and Settled Them With Stamp.

## THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

### Advocates of Better City Government Meet at Chicago and Discuss Numerous Questions.

## SOME WELL KNOWN MEN THERE

Chicago, April 27.—The tenth annual meeting of the national municipal league began here today with delegates present from every large city in the United States.

Charles J. Bonaparte of Baltimore, president of the league, spoke on "Partisanship in Municipal Politics," which he defined as "the activity and influence in our municipal affairs of the great national parties."

A resolution was adopted providing for a committee on local taxation which shall consider what changes may be necessary and desirable in the various states and report at the next meeting of the league.

## OSTERHOUSE COMES BACK

### Prussian Veteran of the Civil War Will be Honored by Distinguished Men.

## WHOM HE LED IN BATTLE.

Washington, April 28.—Gen. P. J. Osterhouse, a Prussian veteran of American civil war fame, who reached New York from Europe yesterday and who is to be entertained by his friends and former comrades in arms in Washington arrived here tonight.

Osterhouse arrived here tonight. Elaborate plans for the distinguished guest's entertainment, while here, have been made which will include a reception and banquet to be given by the Prussian veterans of the war.

When the resolution was adopted and when the committee appointed for that purpose reported the speaker into the house, pandemonium reigned. The democrats and the republicans alike roared and applauded, the occupants of the galleries joining.

## PRESIDENT RENAMES CRUM

### Until He is Confirmed the Collector Cannot Draw Salary for His Services.

Washington, April 28.—President Roosevelt today directed the re-appointment of W. D. Crum as collector of customs at Chicago. The president had received positive assurance that the senate will take up Crum's case immediately on the re-convening of next session and that it will be disposed of finally.

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## SENATE WILL ACT NEXT WINTER

### Secretary of the Interior Approves the Instruction.

Washington, April 28.—The secretary of the interior has approved the instruction of the commissioner general of the land office providing for the sale of pine timber on lands within the ceded Chippewa Indian reservation in Minnesota, November 15 next.

The land is located at Pigeon Bay, Fond du Lac, Bolsofer, Deer Creek, Chippewa, of Mississippi, Wisconsin, and is situated on the shore of Lake Superior. It contains 116,000 acres, containing 128,000,000 feet of white pine and 82,000,000 feet of Norway pine.

## THROUGH RATES CAUSE SPLIT

### Railway Officials Fail to Agree on a Division.

Chicago, April 28.—The Western traffic officials today failed to agree upon a settlement of the grain rate war. After agreeing on through and proportional rates, the lines split on a division of through rates. Failure to agree on sugar rates also was announced.

## COAL MINE CAVES IN.

### Fifty Dead in a Spanish Mine—Ten Rescued.

Madrid, April 28.—The caving in of a coal mine at Tootina, Seville, today, buried many miners. Fifty bodies have been recovered. Ten miners were rescued, but all are badly injured.

## NEW DEGREE TEAM

### Selected for W. C. Roe Camp of Modern Woodmen.

The regular meeting of W. C. Roe Camp, M. W. A., was held last night and there was a pretty good attendance of members. The degree team did some good work. Captain Gile has finished choosing his team and he now has a bunch of fellows that will compare favorably with any team going but some of them are rather green at present. The men all are well matched for height, the most important item when picking a team. The men on the rear of the line are over two inches lower than the highest man on the team.

## THE INDICATIONS.

### Washington, April 28.—Illinois—Fair, warmer Friday. Saturday showers; light north winds becoming easterly and fresh.

## CANNON HAS NO ENEMIES

### Williams, Leader of Minority, Presents Resolution Com- mending His Course.

## DEMOCRATS AND OPPONENTS

### Vis With Each Other in Demonstration For Grand Old Man of Illinois— Remarkable Scene.

Washington, April 28.—The closing today of the second session of the house of the fifty-eighth congress was made notable by a demonstration which was evoked by a resolution offered during the absence of Speaker Cannon, by Mr. Williams, the minority leader, testifying to the courtesy and impartial manner in which the speaker had presided over the session. The resolution was not of the perfunctory kind, but was expressive of kindly feeling which the men in the house of all parties entertained toward him. Following the reading of the resolution, which was punctuated with general applause, Mr.











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Nineteenth Congressional Convention.  
 A republican convention for the 19th congressional district is hereby called to meet at Clinton Wednesday, May 18th, at 12 noon, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for member of congress, to select a congressional committee and to transact such other business as may properly come before it.

The basis of representation in said convention shall be one delegate for each 800 votes cast for the republican candidate for congress in each of the counties, composing the district at the election in 1902. On this basis each county is entitled to the following delegates:

Counties	Vote	Del.
Champaign	4907	12
Coles	3870	10
DeWitt	2498	6
Douglas	2137	5
Macon	1486	4
Maize	1194	3
Shelby	2483	6

Total ..... 24,000  
 Delegates shall be elected in such manner as the republican county central committee in each county may direct.

FRANK C. ROBY, Chairman.  
 CHARLES G. ECKHARDT, Sec.

Bryan knew that Parker would not talk back.

By the way has any one seen or heard of Billie Mason?

Decatur should buy the toy pistol like Chicago has done.

This is the day congress is scheduled to adjourn but will it?

Is it because silence is "golden" that Col. Bryan objects to Judge Parker?

An exchange gives this sage advice. Stick to your flannels until they stick to you.

The stump speeches delivered in congress lately have been of a high order.

In a convention in St. Louis in July the Olney boom would be deservedly popular.

Parting with winter is such sweet sorrow but that is no reason that it should last all summer.

The surplus in Uncle Sam's strong box this year is \$22,000,000. Pretty good showing with all war taxes off.

Sangamon county democrats have declared for the "yellow peril." Mr. Hearst knows that money makes the politicians go.

Miss Alice has the German measles. Prince Henry ought to be pleased that she did not choose the French or other national variety.

The Yates primaries are to be held in Sangamon county next Monday. They will be pro forma for Hamlin held his a month ago.

Mr. Bryan only needs to control one vote over one third of the St. Louis convention to block the wheels of Cleveland, Hill & Co.

As a gauge of prosperity take a look at the prices the farmer gets for his horses. A few years ago this noble animal was hardly worth feeding.

The eight-hour bill in congress goes over until next December. A thorough investigation of its effects is to be made and the time for consideration was not sufficient.

Speaker Cannon asserts that he will refuse to be made vice president. He prefers to preside over the turbulent house rather than the more dignified and sedate senate.

Rural mail carriers are to get \$728 instead of \$600 but are not allowed to represent newspapers or other outside interests. They may, however, attend to business of patrons on their routes when requested so to do.

Do you want to see a real case of an office pursuing a man? Then look at Uncle Joe Cannon and the vice-presidency. The speaker promises to out run it. He should for he will be wanted in 1908 to head the ticket.

Parker has struck a few snags. Bourke Cochran with Tammany behind him, Hearst's pocket book, Bryan's opposition to the platform and its occupant—all these make the New York judge's cake look much like dough.

A Connecticut congregation has called for the resignation of its pastor because he participated in a game of base ball. He ought to have known that even a preacher could not trust himself with the ordinary unpleasure of a charitable people should he

have expected entirely parliamentary language under such provocation.

The high waters are again threatening East St. Louis, Venice, Granite City and other places on this side of the Mississippi river. The frequent recurrence of these disastrous floods will seriously cripple the progress of these places, otherwise growing marvelously. Some way must be found to control the volume of water or much of the lowlands will be useless.

The people of Missouri are forcing the nomination of Folk against the machine politicians. Should he be nominated he would likely be defeated by the hoodlums and grafters unless republicans come to his rescue. Those that the able and fearless prosecutor has convicted belong to a powerful gang. They will not permit him to be elected governor if they can avoid it. It is likely that enough republicans would join the forces of Folk and decency to offset the loss from the hoodlums and their sympathizers.

Two weeks from today May 12 the republican state convention will meet in Springfield. The campaign leading up to it has been one of unusual length and activity. There has been much running to and fro among candidates hunting an office. Some feeling, possibly bitterness, has been engendered but all will be "good Indians." Within a week from the adjournment of the convention will have the full and hearty support of all the elements of the party.

Congressman Patterson of Tennessee has made discovery of the paramount issue of the coming campaign. It is the personality of President Roosevelt. Republicans welcome this issue. It is "dead easy." The common people like the simple, rugged, honest, fearless ways of the president. He is the most democratic occupant of the White House since Jefferson. On such an issue the republican victory would be won without firing a gun.

Russia has 141,000,000 people and only ninety daily newspapers. How can a people so densely ignorant hope to conquer the intelligent Japanese, even though they may be but 47,000,000 in number? Add to this the advantage of Japan being almost at home and Russia many thousands of miles from its base of supplies of men and munition and the difference in size is largely overcome. A single line of poorly constructed railroad is utterly inadequate to the great problem of transportation. This could easily be destroyed. Japan is mistress of the sea against Russia. In view of all these things the impartial observer must conclude that Russia is doomed to defeat.

"The best time to stop a strike is a long time before you begin it; which is true if it is Irish," said Terrence V. Powderly, the former head of the Knights of Labor at a banquet of the Shoe and Leather Association at Chicago. He went on to say further that "The labor leader who has the interest of his men at heart will fight the strike to the last ditch, for of all the costly, cumbersome, wasteful, cruel methods of settling a difficulty in labor matters the strike and lockout are the worst. Far better peace than pieces. Let the labor unions incorporate. The union has nothing to fear from incorporation; there is nothing the law can reach under incorporation that it can't reach now."

The ease with which a run on a solid bank can be started and the expensive difficulty of stopping it are this week illustrated by a case at Indianapolis. A telephone girl heard a bank refuse to cash a check. She did not stop to hear the reason but began to gossip about it. The outcome was a run and thousands of dollars being demanded by depositors. The bank was as solid as the hills and the refusal was because the check was not properly endorsed. Money is a sensitive thing. The people who control it are easily made panicky. It is, therefore, of vast importance that these great money shops should keep their good name above suspicion. Under the present system of banking and inspection there is little danger of any bank at any time if people will only remain sane.

## NO LAUGHING MATTER

Senator Nelson of Minnesota "cussed" in the United States senate recently. He ripped the word out in the heat of debate. It rolled through the chamber and collided with the doors and rattled the windows and jurred the desks and rocked the chandeliers. It convulsed the dignified senators.

Senator Nelson was appealing for government roads in Alaska. He declared that the Alaskans had contributed their gold and other precious metals and their fish and their furs to the United States and he shouted, "In return we have not done one damned thing for them!"

For a second the senate was still while the "cuss" word reverberated through the chamber. Then the Senators burst into a roar of laughter. It is recorded that Senator Nelson stated that "sometimes adjectives come from the heart." That was the only apology he vouchsafed for thus having uttered a forbidden word within the sacred precincts of the United States senate.

The offense cannot be lightly passed. It was not an occasion for mirth. It demands an official investigation. Senator Ditcher was exonerated on a charge of trafficking in post offices. Senator Smoot is the subject of an investigation because it is believed that he has a few more wives than

he should have. Senator Burton is to be sidetracked and his passes taken away because he did a little law work on the side. Senator Tillman was forced to acknowledge that the bottle he carried in his hip pocket contained cough medicine. Various and divers other senators have had to suffer, and why, therefore, should Senator Nelson escape? Is he to have the exclusive privilege of uttering "adjectives that come from the heart" in the senate? Or is it to be a free-for-all contest? An example should be made of him.

Plainly this "cussing" in public must be stopped, for their is no young girl in this fair land of ours who would permit her father to attend a session of the United States senate if his ears are to be corrupted with "adjectives that come from the heart."—St. Louis Republic.

## BOY BANDITS AND THEIR ORIGIN.

The Chicago papers point a moral in the execution of its three boy bandits, which declares that there is something worse for boys than cigarettes, says the Globe Democrat. It is the dime novel that glorifies the deeds of train robbers, bank robbers and other robbers. This may be the initiation of public sentiment building for the suppression of publishing houses that issue such books.

Four legal hangings and one prospective hanging in Illinois and Missouri and nine murders are the latest crop of this kind of printing. The criminal press becomes as much a part of the care of the state as the criminal who performs the homicides. The criminal play staged at the cheap theater is also part of the machinery that supplies gallews fruit. A censorship of publications and of plays is likely to suggest itself to the public mind, although Uncle Sam's supervision of the United States mails in some measure serves the purpose.

This is a free country in which no one is allowed to incite to crime by public speech. Is any one to be permitted to incite to crime by public print? Books sold under the name of "The Boy Bandits" or similar titles will continue to do their work and result in other hangings in Illinois and Missouri and other murders until public authority interferes.

St. Louis and especially East St. Louis are again threatened with a flood. Other sections are also in great peril. East St. Louis appears to have adopted the "Arkansas traveler" philosophy. When the flood was there they could do nothing. When it was not there they did not need to do anything. East St. Louis and its environs are growing marvelously and will soon constitute the largest community in Illinois outside of Chicago. In view of this flood precautions are of vital importance. No time should be lost in dams and dykes to fence out the waters.

Those tender hearted people who thought that Brigham H. Roberts was badly treated when he was kicked out of the national congress for having more than one wife at a time will read his present confessions before the senate committee with much interest. The name of Brigham gives ground for suspicion. The Smoot investigation is like a violent electrical storm. It will purify the moral atmosphere by exposing the abominations in Utah. Both houses of congress should slam the doors in the face of any Mormon who seeks admission. The whole Mormon system is treasonable to the government.

The epoch of the 20th century will be the completion of the Panama canal. It will constitute a landmark in world history. An exchange says that it means much more than that a waterway is to be cut through the two great oceans, and that the dream of navigators and statesmen since Balboa's day is to be transmuted into fact. It means that the United States is formally and finally to assume a protectorate over the entire western hemisphere, whether it wishes to do so or not. It means likewise that, from its vantage point between Europe and Asia by the most popular of the ocean routes, it is to build or the world's use. The United States will command the world's seas and be in a position to win the supreme prizes in the world's commerce.

The city council has before it an ordinance fixing license fees for clairvoyants and palmists. No hesitation should be had about making the rates high. If no one of these fakes and frauds ever comes to Decatur again this community will be the gainer. The terms of the ordinance should also be such as to avoid evasion. They will come in other names and attempt to deceive the very elect. A rose by any other name" etc, will describe these grafters. They should not hesitate to wear the livery of heaven if they could thereby fleece some one.

It is now understood that Speaker Cannon will be the temporary chairman of the republican state convention. If temporary he is almost sure of being permanent chairman. The selection of Mr. Cannon will avoid a show of strength among the various elements in the organization. All will accept the speaker without contest. Then, too, there is the fear that some man like Walter Reeves might be chosen who might in case of a serious deadlock be a convenient dark horse for governor.

The great and enlightened state of Illinois has come to a time when it should discard the robe of barbarism in executing criminals and turn on the electric current of civilization. The

next legislature should see that suitable laws are made to substitute the electric chair for the scaffold and noose. Nothing can be more inhuman or demoralizing than a "hanging." There is also a desirable movement to have all executions of the state inside the walls of the penitentiary.

Benson Wood of Effingham is the commander of the G. A. R. of Illinois. In looking about for a successor Robert Mann Woods, of Joliet, appears to be about the right thing. He has no opposition so far, nor is he likely to have. After one year of Wood it is easy for the boys in Blue to take to the Woods. From Wood to Woods is an easy step. The meeting is at Springfield this week and a large attendance will no doubt be the result.

Suggestions of intervention and peace between Russia and Japan have been brushed aside by the czar who wants too keep on fighting. He says that Russia could not consider peace proposals while victory is apparently within Japan. This would be humiliating. All the forces of the Russian empire will be brought to bear to conquer the agile, wily little Jap.

Bourke Cochran has demonstrated that in his retirement from public life he has lost none of the fervor and fire of his oratory. His last speech in the house was a perfect tornado. None was able to stand before it or stem the tide of his mighty personality. The Tammany congressman is undoubtedly the grator of the democratic party par excellence. Do you hear that Mr. B?

The Wabash railroad is prepared to handle 30,000 each day to and from the St. Louis fair grounds. The system of "shuttle trains" will be so perfect that there is scarcely possibility of danger. The record of the Illinois Central in handling great crowds safely at the World's Fair is in danger of being broken if the Wabash can get the crowds. The service begins next Saturday.

One of the questions not profoundly agitating the republican candidates for governor is the chairmanship of the state convention. No better solution has been suggested than Speaker Cannon. He has taken little part in the campaign and is regarded as absolutely fair.

Rabbi Krauskopf recently said that "nothing is taken away from the Union except lawlessness when the law is obeyed." This may seem a very simple truth but considering the slugging and rioting in Chicago attending some of the strikes it does no harm to say it.

Why should Bryan come to Chicago to hire a hall to skin Parker and his platform? "Have they no meeting places in Nebraska? Could it be possible that he wanted to get into a strong Hearst town to make sure of sympathy and a crowd?"

This is the last week of the present session of congress. Its brevity is a record breaker. Casually the long term lasts until June. The congress which passed the McKinley bill continued until October. Modern ways of dispatching business tends to shorten the time of the sessions.

The Wabash men who quit work Monday did not need to assure the people that there would be no law breaking. They are peaceful and worthy citizens.

Hon. Lobster Davis and Charlie Towne are shining lights among the New York democracy. Both were useful republicans until they made the mistake of thinking the Bryan hearse a band wagon.

The sorrowful intelligence comes from Washington that Tillman has fully recovered from his throat trouble. The people of the country will now feel that choking sensation. Still congress is about ready to adjourn.

But two weeks remain of the long and heated campaign for governor. Gov. Yates has made a very effective campaign but his nomination is not believed to be possible in well informed circles.

The strongest democrat who could be nominated is George B. McClellan. He has a good name, little record and, but for the Tammany blight, would be more acceptable to all factions than any other man.

Decatur shippers have made an ugly charge against Gov. Yates. He has an explanation due. It should make the matter clear. People are pretty sensitive along the lines (railroad lines) involved in this charge.

The most serious objections urged by democrats against Parker is that Bill is booming and Cleveland endorses him. These are pretty flimsy grounds for opposition.

The business world breathes a little easier when congress adjourns. The present session has been remarkably free from economic agitations—money and revenue—which are disastrous to business.

Dowie will not be permitted to land in England. His severe criticism of King Edward has made him persona non grata.

Should Parker be elected—but no, this country would never take the remotest chance of seeing Dave Hill secretary of state.

Perhaps Uncle Roosevelt was prompted for electing just to call attention of the country to the fact that a

## A RUSSIAN SUBMARINE BOAT SINKS A WAR TRANSPORT

BULLETIN.  
 Paris, April 27.—A St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal reports that a Russian submarine boat sank a Japanese transport conveying 600 men to Korea and that all troops were lost.

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 Liao Yang, April 27.—The Japanese troops which crossed the Yalu north of Eulijou (Tchongdjiou) charged during the night of April 26 and 27, the Russian position near Lisavan, a village on the Manchurian bank of the Yalu. They were repulsed but their loss is not known.

Two gunboats steamed up the river to support the Japanese when the Russian field battery at Amisan opened upon them, resulting in a duel which lasted twenty minutes. The Russian fire was too hot and the gun boats were forced to turn and steam out of range.

The Japanese were fairly protected in crossing by their occupation of the island of Samalinda.

BULLETIN.  
 London, April 27.—The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Telegraph says the Russians are constructing pontoon bridges across Liao river, twenty miles above Tin Chwang Tai.

The Standard's Che Foo correspondent learns that both banks of the Liao river have been strongly fortified and he estimates a hundred guns have been mounted.

## COSSACKS CUT OFF JAPS

Mistchenko's Force Said to Have Occupied Korean Towns.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—An account given here of the movement of the cavalry under Major General Mistchenko, commander of the western Cossack brigade, while not officially confirmed, is accepted as trustworthy. It is as follows:

General Mistchenko's Cossacks reached Song Jin, northeast Korea, and the cavalry that place turned north along the Seoul-Pekin road and occupied Anju. Not a shot was fired. The Japanese and Koreans withdrawing. The unexpected appearance of the Cossacks in the rear of Japanese forces near the Yalu caused panic among the Japanese troops proceeding towards the Yalu from Ping Yang and they retreated. The Japanese troops at Pak Chon, Ku Song, Ka San and Chong Ju, did not attempt to stop the Cossacks but moved towards the north west by forced marches.

## TROUBLE AT HOME

Revolutionary Movement in Russia Said to Be Widespread.

Chicago, April 27.—A special from Warsaw to the Daily News says: "The arrest of anti-Russian Polish agitators in all parts of Europe. Russia indicates the extent of the revolutionary movement. The fate of prisoners is uncertain, but the leaders of the social democracy inform the News correspondent that stories of wholesale hangings are false. Summary executions are expected. The working classes and peasantry are in active alliance."

## KUROPATKIN'S PLANS

Will Cause Japanese Offense to Fall Like House of Cards.

Chicago, April 27.—A special to the Daily News from New Chang says: "If official Russian advice from Mukden can be relied upon Kuropatkin's deployment is so far advanced that it covers the very lines the Japanese purpose to occupy."

From present indications the Queen of the May should have her snow shoes or a canoe ready for service next Sunday.

Democrats in congress are making a big noise about trusts. That was all they did about them when they were in power.

The Daughters of the American Revolution in session at Washington last week declared for a quiet Fourth of July. All good people say, Amen.

Spring came last Saturday but soon appeared all worn out and threw up the job. The exertion was too great.

Bryan's opinion of Parker and his platform are interesting but not all important.

The lid has been removed from Mormonism. Do you smell an unpleasant, pungent odor?

Perhaps Mr. Bryan wanted it understood that he is not for any man who suits Dave Hill.

Bandits lose much of the time novel glamour as they dangle at the end of a rope.

Whatever people may think of the "open" shop they are all for the "open" spring. Let her open.

Massachusetts democrats want Olney. The platform—"How would you like to be the ice man?"

The old soldiers are in Springfield this week living over again the joys and glories of the war of 40 years ago.

This is the 55th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America.

Hill does not even allow Parker to say "I am a democrat."

Bryan's main hindling wood of the New York platform. Next?

Japanese purpose to occupy. Should the Japanese succeed in driving the Russians north the Muscovite line of defense will extend from New Chang to Liao Yang and from Liao Yang to Yalu river. The Russian generals possess confidence the Japanese can make no headway by frontal attacks, while the Russians can cope with the widest flanking operations the Mikado's men are likely to undertake.

When these operations begin, say the Muscovites, Kuropatkin's counter strokes will bring down the Jap-



LT. GENERAL SAKHAROFF.  
 Chief of Staff.

anese scheme of offense like a house of cards. Continued delay on the part of the enemy is a great surprise to Russians.

Success Japanese.  
 Korsakovsk, Island Sakhalin, April 27.—A British steamer arrived here today to remove Japanese who are still on the island.

## CAUGHT ON FLY.

Wireless Message Intercepted But Could Not Be Made Out.

Paris, April 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says he learned Alexieff's telegram to the emperor reporting the sinking at Japan of the Japanese merchantman was published only in part. It contained the additional statement that Jesen informed Alexieff that he had intercepted a wireless message, the tenor of which he was unable to make out, but which indicated the presence in the vicinity of a Japanese fleet concealed by the fog.

## GETTING WAR NEWS

Promises to Be Hard Task Under These Regulations.

Port Arthur April 27.—The regulations to be observed by war correspondents with the Russian army were published in today's issue of the Novik. Correspondents of foreign newspapers must have letters of recommendation from their governments to the Russian foreign office and every correspondent must promise in writing not to divulge secret dispatches or criticize the orders of those in command, and must similarly agree to give a true account of events and avoid irresponsible reports. They are warned that in the event of infraction of these regulations, indiscretion, or want of tact, they will be sent home. All correspondents are absolutely prohibited from visiting the admiralty dock, workshops or naval establishments or from using boats in the harbor or roadsteads of Port Arthur or Vladivostok.

Correspondents must undertake not to ask that exceptions be made in their favor, and on arriving at the front must report to headquarters with their credentials and an authentic photograph. The headquarters staff will then assign the correspondents to the various staffs or districts. The rest will depend on the staffs concerned. Correspondents will be held responsible for their servants. Before

## REFUSE CRUM CONFIRMATION

The Senate Considers Matter in Executive Session But Refuses to Act Favorably.

Washington, April 27.—The nomination of William D. Crum to be collector of the port of Charleston, S. C. was considered today in executive session of the senate. Failure to confirm the appointment resulted. Messrs. Gallinger, Spooner, Hale and Aldrich argued for confirmation and Messrs. Daniels, Latham, Gorman and Clay against.

In the conference on the Panama canal government bill the senate conferees stood out for the senate's provisions re-appropriating ten million dollars for payment to Panama and for issuance of bonds for canal work. The conferees finally agreed to the senate's contention and the house provision placing the canal zone under control of the president. No provision was made regarding bonds for construction. Senators Allison, Aldrich and Spooner held a conference tonight with the president on the situation in congress.

All senators leaving the white house said an extra session of the senate was unlikely. Messrs. Allison and Aldrich said they thought final adjournment would occur tomorrow. When asked if Crum's nomination would be confirmed Allison replied, "Not if we adjourn tomorrow." It is regarded therefore as very likely Crum's nomination will go over with out action until the next session of congress, when the president may again send in a recess nomination, naming Crum as collector of customs at Charleston, S. C.

Would Regard It Unfriendly.  
 Vienna, April 27.—It is stated on highest authority that in the event of discrimination being shown by the United States government against emigrants from Port of Spain or if that government places extraordinary obstacles in the way of landing of such emigrants in the United States before both sides of the case are heard the Hungarian government will regard it as a distinctly unfriendly act.

they can stay at any fort the consent of the commander must be obtained. Correspondents are required to wear a distinguishing badge on the left arm. Code messages are prohibited. All messages will be censored at headquarters by the staffs of the Manchurian and Amur armies, by the administration of the various military districts and at Harbin by the governor, while censorship will also be established at the island of Sakhalin, Yinkow and at the forts at Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

## AS MAKAROFF STARTED

Big Demonstration When Skrydloff Starts for East.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—Vice Admiral Skrydloff left St. Petersburg for Moscow today. His departure was marked by scenes similar to those which accompanied the farewell of other commanders. There was a large crowd at the Nicholas railroad station, including Grand Duke Alexander Michailovich, brother-in-law of the emperor; Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, the commander of the Baltic squadron, and other officials. Many ladies presented the admiral with bouquets. The Arch-mandrite Cornelius bestowed on Admiral Skrydloff a sacred image of St. Alexander Nevsky, the patron saint of St. Petersburg, and delivered an address saying the faithful members of the orthodox church would pray the admiral every danger and give him victory. The admiral was sprinkled with water from the miraculous spring of St. Seraphim, the hermit of Surozh, whose recent canonization was attended by the czar and czarina. Anuletta was also handed to the admiral and he was presented with an ikon containing relics dating from the thirteenth century.

The departure of the admiral's train was marked by a great demonstration.

## HAVE A BELIEF.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—8:29 p. m. The general staff believes that one of the Japanese columns, while attempting to cross the Yalu river at Turenchen sustained severe loss, owing to unexpected shelling by a Russian battery from the opposite bank, which destroyed the Japanese train, and that the Japanese general staff says, tried to cross the river at six or seven different points and succeeded at that point.

## LONDON DOUBTS

The Reports Sent Out Concerning Japanese Reverses.

London, April 27.—No further light has been thrown on operations on the Yalu and in the absence of official despatches little attention is paid to Russian reports of Japanese reverses, which it is believed are spread with a motive of influencing the European money markets in favor of Russian financial operations. No definite news has been received regarding the whereabouts of the Vladivostok squadron and indications are that it has regained the harbor.

## FRENCH BANKERS HELP OUT

Expedito Matters in Purchase of Canal Rights By Advancing Forty Millions of Dollars.

Washington, April 27.—The attorney general has received cables from Day and Russell, who went to Paris as his representatives to conduct the closing negotiations for the Panama canal property, to the effect that deeds and all other papers and documents concerning the transfer, have already been turned over to them and an advance of \$40,000,000 has been advanced by a Paris syndicate of bankers. This syndicate, it is understood, offered to pay over the money, with a view of expediting the consummation of the sale on the assurance of the attorney general that the syndicate drew for \$40,000,000 would be honored on presentation at Washington.

## DO IT ON ASSURANCE OF KNOX.

Good rains have fallen in districts in South Africa, where there had been almost continuous drought for two years.

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# IN CUSTODY AT ST JOE, MO ROBERT'S SLAYER IS CAUGHT

The Coroner's Jury Investigates and Orders  
Brom Held to Await the Action of  
the May Grand Jury

## DEATH DUE TO THE KNIFE WOUND

Inquest Brings Out Very Little  
New in Regard to the  
Killing

### THE BODY TAKEN HOME

Ray Brom will be held to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of murder. He has been arrested at St. Joseph, Mo., where his relatives live. E. W. Burson will also be held until the case is taken up by the grand jury.

Deputy Sheriff A. W. Hendricks left Wednesday for Springfield to get requisition papers. He will go to Jefferson City, Mo., the capital of that state and will then go to St. Joseph to take Brom. Brom will probably not be brought back to Decatur before tomorrow.

The coroner's jury found that Richard L. Roberts came to his death from a stab wound inflicted by a knife in the hands of Ray Brom and recommended that the coroner issue a warrant for the arrest of Brom. This was done.

The body of Roberts was taken Wednesday night to Illinois, Ind., for burial and was accompanied by the father, E. H. Roberts, who came here on learning of his son's death.

Brom left immediately after the cutting and went to St. Joseph which is his home. He had only been in Decatur since last March. He was traced to St. Joseph and after Roberts died his arrest was ordered. The sheriff's office has been notified that Brom is in jail at St. Joseph and a deputy was at once sent for requisition papers and for the prisoner.

Brom has been called Roy, Ray and "Red." It seems that he was known by all three names about the Railroad Y. M. C. A. restaurant, but his real name is said to be Ray Brom. He had red hair and for that reason he was called "Red."

### THE INQUEST.

Some of the Evidence Introduced was Conflicting on Certain Points. The coroner held the inquest at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning at his office on North Main street. The jury was occupied until 12:30 o'clock hearing the testimony of the different witnesses. The evidence was rather conflicting.

Dr. Fitzpatrick, the house physician at the Washburn hospital, testified that he was assisting in the operation performed by Dr. Parrish and Dr. Tyler Meriwether. He told about how Roberts grew worse and finally died and gave it as his opinion that the death was due to the stab wound inflicted with the knife that State Attorney Redmon had taken a statement from Roberts before the latter thought he would die. The statement was left with Dr. Fitzpatrick with the request that he have Roberts sign it if the man thought there was no hope for him in the statement. It was about the same story as Roberts told just after the cutting. He said that Brom came in the restaurant and told him that he would kick the stuffing out of him if he (Roberts) made any more objections. Roberts, according to his statement, was the first to be present to the grand jury for consideration. Mr. Redmon will hold Burson to await the action of the grand jury and Brom is held on a charge of murder. It is quite likely that the cases will come up for trial at the May term. Mr. Redmon says that he will be ready any time to proceed.

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D. W. Brennenman Sells a Pair of Colts to D. J. McClary of Louisville, Ky.

ONE THE SON OF DIRECT HAL.

May Hathaway, Has Shown a Work Mile in 2:12 1-2

Wednesday D. W. Brennenman shipped to D. J. McClary of Louisville, Ky., a pair of high bred horses. One was the four-year-old stallion, Hal Direct, which will be 3 years old in July. This colt has no mark, and in fact was not broken to track work until last fall. Trainer Houston of the Brennenman stable says that last week the colt showed a quarter in 37 seconds and he is confident that with proper handling this year he will show a 2:20 gait.

This colt is marked like his famous sire Direct Hal. He is black with one white hind foot, white face, and has a glass eye the same as his sire. Two years ago Direct Hal was the great unbeaten pacer with a record of 2:04 and that season was to the good in purses \$25,000.

The dam of Hal Direct was Chime of Bella, she by Mambrino King. The second of the pair was May Hathaway, a four-year-old with no record but in her work has shown a mile in 2:12 1-2. That was last fall. She has never been in a race. Trainer Houston said he really believed that the mare would show great speed this year and he expects to hear of showing the way on more than one occasion if so accident befall.

May Hathaway is by that great sire, Anderson Wilkes, and her dam was Hathaway 2:20, formerly owned by the Powers brothers of this city.

While May Hathaway has never been campaigned she has shown such speed in her work that it is the opinion of the men who saw her last fall and summer are quite willing to believe that she should this season be fit for winning performances.

It is said that the price paid for this pair was \$3000.

### AFTER THIRTY YEARS.

Logan County Man Comes For His Share of an Estate.

A case involving a few peculiar circumstances came up for a hearing before Judge McCormick in the county court Tuesday afternoon. The case was in the nature of proceedings upon a petition upon the part of King & Miller, attorneys in fact for one Chas. Drake asking that the court pay to such attorneys in fact, the sum of \$300.95 from the estate of Lucy Drake. He ended in little more than a satisfaction of the men who saw her last fall and summer are quite willing to believe that she should this season be fit for winning performances.

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### EVIL OMEN CAME TRUE.

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The father of the dead man says that Roberts when he left home the last time expressed the fear that he would never come back alive and this belief came true. That was the last time the young man was in the home. The father is L. H. Roberts and he lives at Elwood Ind. He arrived in the city Wednesday morning and accompanied the body home Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have two other children a daughter eight years and a son five years of age. Mr. Roberts is a very quiet man and did not have much to say, but seemed to be deeply grieved on account of his son's death.

Young Roberts was born Aug. 28, 1879 at Leesburg Ind. He lived for a time at Elwood, Ind. with his parents until he was 21 years of age. He was fascinated with railroad work and last winter was employed on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern road. He came to Decatur in February to work for the Washburn.

**Prospective Wife.**  
Miss Ida Small, the young woman to whom Roberts was to have been married last Sunday, called Wednesday to see the father. She also asked to see the body of Roberts before it was taken away from the city. Miss Small had been with Roberts when he died. Many persons called to see the body Wednesday afternoon and night at Wikoff and Moran's chapel where it was kept after being removed from the hospital.

### EARLY TRIALS.

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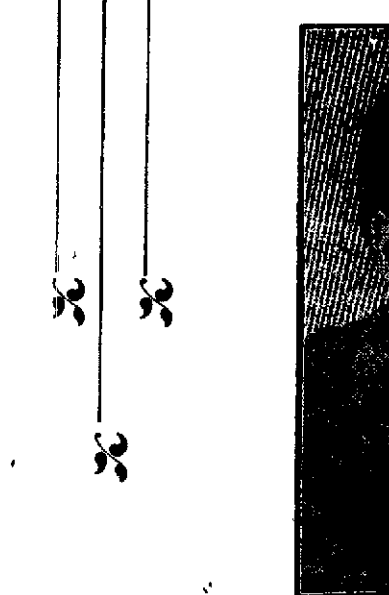
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ARTHUR J. BALFOUR



LORD ROSEBERY.

## SHOT BY A WOMAN

Drunken Bartender Shot By a Woman  
After She Beat Him With a  
Poker

### DECLINES TO MAKE STATEMENT.

The Victim of the Tragedy Had Been Fighting Drunk.

Fred Morris was shot to death at Litchfield Tuesday between 12 and 1 o'clock, by Mrs. Rolla Coffey. Morris for some time has been tending bar for Rolla Coffey, and boarded with Coffey Tuesday morning according to witnesses who saw him at different hours he began to tank up and shortly before noon was in possession of a jag, which in common parlance, was a peach. About 11:30 o'clock when there was considerable of a crowd in Coffey's place he began to have fun in a way which did not please the victims a little bit. He produced a revolver, and pointing it at the feet of some of those who were in the room shot into the floor in dangerous proximity of the feet of the victims of his joke.

As nearly as can be ascertained, Morris went to Coffey's home a little after the noon hour and commenced a fight with Clinton Pennington, a sixteen year old boy who makes his home with Coffey. Mrs. Coffey interfered when Morris became brutal, and Morris turned and choked her, whereupon she seized a poker and drove him from the house. Morris returned and was again driven from the house, and told that if he returned again, he would be shot. He returned the third time, according to the testimony of Mrs. Coffey, and would not heed her warning to go about his business, whereupon she shot him. At the time the shot was fired, Morris was on the walk in front of the house between the garage and the front door. He turned and ran from the yard, and dropped on the cinder walk at the northwest corner of the yard, not thirty feet from the front door, where, judging from the great mass of blood he must have bled to death.

A casual examination shows that one shot took effect in the corner of the right eye, evidently penetrating the brain. If another shot was fired there is no visible evidence of it. The gun used is a modern weapon of 44-calibre and was secured by Assistant State's Attorney Harry Strickland, and put in a safe place. Mrs. Coffey has employed ex-State's Attorney M. M. Creighton to defend her, and when called upon at the jail, absolutely refused to make any statement.

The story above is told as picked up from those in the vicinity, none of whom really saw the trouble. Another story is to the effect that two shots were fired. The first was fired in the house, and took effect in Morris' breast and as he was running from the house, looking behind him to see if the woman was following, the second shot was fired, striking him in the eye as stated above. Litchfield News.

### INSTITUTE OF 19TH DISTRICT.

Dates Assigned at Committee Meeting in Champaign.

Representatives of the farmers' institutes held in the Nineteenth congressional district met at Champaign on Tuesday and assigned dates for the meetings next winter as follows:  
Pitt county, at Cerro Gordo, Jan. 10 and 11.  
Monticue county, at Bethany, Feb. 9 and 10.  
DeWitt county, at Clinton, Jan. 13 and 14.  
Champaign county, at Urbana, Feb. 14 and 15.  
Macon county, at Decatur, Jan. 10, 11 and 12.  
Coles county at Mattoon, Oct. 11, 12, 13 and 14.  
Douglas county, at Arceia, Oct. 13, 14 and 15.  
Shelby county at Shelbyville, Feb. 15, 16 and 17.

### JUDGE CRAIG JAWS.

Mattoon Judge Says Rush for Matrimonial Cases.

"Some women take less care in selecting a husband than a dog fancier does in choosing a litter of pups," declared Judge James W. Craig, of Mattoon in the circuit court at Paris, as he granted a decree of divorce to Clara Hervey from H. H. Hervey. "If I be left my way," he continued, as he jabbed his pen viciously into the ink well "I would change the laws so that people would exhibit more prudence about rushing into matrimony. It is my experience that most of the divorce cases grow out of marriages where the parties have not had time to get acquainted with each other."

Mrs. Hervey, who is 50, was wedded some time ago to a man only 28.

### IN AID OF COAL MINE.

Maroa Gives Away Coal Rights Under Public Law.

The city council of Maroa granted the coal rights under the streets, alleys and public grounds of that city to the proposed corporation which will soon be organized for the purpose of prospecting for coal.

**Makes a Clean Sweep.**  
There is nothing like going a thing thoroughly. Of all the Salves you ever heard of, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best. It sweeps away and cures Burns, Sores, Bruises, Cuts, Blisters, Ulcers, Skin eruptions, and piles. It's only 25c, and guaranteed to give satisfaction. Sold by J. B. King, Chas. F. Smith and R. L. Ryan, Decatur.

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### GENERAL BLACK'S ORDER.

Calling for the Proper Observance of Memorial Day.

General John C. Black, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, has issued a general order addressed to the posts of veterans throughout the United States, directing that they observe Memorial Day, May 30. After quoting President Abraham Lincoln's famous address at Gettysburg, General Black says in his order: "We, the Grand Army of the Republic are gathered all over this continental land, and also in far away regions, to tell the story of those who died for the good cause and to perpetuate their memories and renew allegiance to them and to the right. Eighty millions of Americans today turn aside from every avocation to seek the 'holy green tents' of our comrades, and with civic pomp, with song and speech, and the voiceless tears of memory and the glad acclaim of freedom, to honor the fallen and beloved brave, and in solemn fashion to renew their own devotion to the right."

### ROYAL CIRCLE APPEAL ISSUED.

Members are Urged to Continue Membership in Organization.

Letters urging the members of the Royal Circle, otherwise known as the Federal Army of Loyal Americans, to maintain their several lodge organizations and to pay as heretofore the regular monthly assessments, were sent out yesterday by the executive committee of the general committee appointed by the different lodges of Springfield.

The committee was named at the time the first injunction proceedings were commenced against the order by State Superintendent of Insurance Vredenburg on the ground that the officers of the society had misappropriated more than \$30,000 of the society's funds. The committee assumed the responsibility of protecting the members of the order.

### ASKS FOR LINCOLN SOUVENIRS.

Historical Society Arranges for Exhibition of Lincoln Souvenirs.

The Illinois State Historical society, which will have an exhibit in the Illinois building at the St. Louis world's fair, through its secretary, Mrs. Jesse Palmer Weber of Springfield, has made a request for letters, pictures and manuscripts of any kind in regard to Abraham Lincoln. Particularly letters and manuscripts which have not been in print.

### SPRINGFIELD WEDDING.

Son of Hon. J. M. Graham Weds Miss Clara Colgan.

At Springfield on Tuesday Miss Clara Colgan was married to Hugh J. Graham Rev. Father Hickey performed the ceremony. Both the young people are widely known in Springfield Catholic circles. The groom was a resident of this county some years ago. He is a son of J. M. Graham, who formerly lived in Niantic and once represented this district in the legislature. The groom is a graduate of the University of Illinois and is now a practicing attorney at Springfield.

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**Party at Dalton.**  
Miss Louise Hanneberry of Dalton City entertained Saturday afternoon in honor of her eighth birthday. Her guests included children of Dalton City, Bethany, Mt. Zion, Milam and Decatur. The hours were from 2 to 6 p. m. and all had a merry time.

### INTERURBAN FRANCHISE.

Ordinance as Passed in Decatur Acceptable to Mr. McKinley.

The interurban franchise passed by the city council is acceptable to Mr. McKinley. Manager Fischer was in the city a few days ago and secured a certified copy of the ordinance which he sent to Mr. McKinley for perusal. Yesterday he telephoned to the city that the conditions imposed would be accepted and he is expected to be in the city today or tomorrow when he will formally accept.

### THEFT IS CHARGED.

Wm. Navin Arrested On Charge of Stealing Brass at Muehl.

William Navin was arrested Wednesday and confined in the county jail. He is charged with having stolen brass from the Mueller Manufacturing Company plant. The arrest was made on a warrant sworn out by Sheriff Mueller before Justice O'Mara. Navin has been working for the Mueller factory and brass fittings have been missing Wednesday it was learned that Navin had been trying to sell some of the missing brass and he was arrested.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John E. Farlow, Decatur, 23.  
Grace White, Decatur, 20.

To Cure Grip in Two Days.  
Exhaustive Bromo Quinine removes the cause. To get the genuine, ask for the full name. 25c.

### TROUBLE OVER THE DITCH.

Quo Warranto Proceedings Instituted Against the Commissioners of Illini District.

John Rau has commenced quo warranto proceedings against George Johnston, of Austin township, James Allen of Logan county and A. Cunningham of Illini, commissioners of the Illini special drainage district asking that they show their authority for levying the required tax for a portion of the work. It is alleged that a heavy tax is being levied on the people of the district without authority and the petitioners claim that the people are being damaged by it. It is claimed that the sentiment of the people of Austin and Illini township is with the commissioners. The proposed district has been organized for some time past and a portion of the work has been completed. The total cost of the system will be about \$25,000.

### PROPERTY OWNERS OBJECTING.

The present trouble arises in minor sub-district No. 1 of sub-district No. 5. The east ditch of the system will be completed Thursday and then only the tilling will remain to be laid. Besides the tilling there is one and one-half miles of tilling to be run north-east from the east branch through the land of John Rau, Ernest Klieck and the Rogers heirs. This is the particular part of the work which is causing trouble. This proposed ditch was to have been run south of the school section and of section fifteen. It was, however, found that the school section could not be taxed for any purpose and the ditch had to be shortened. This throws more taxation on the people below. It is claimed that a line of tile instead of an open ditch. The commissioners claim that a line of tile would be inadequate and would spoil the whole system.

### IT IS EASY TO SELECT A WIFE.

For Another Man, But Buying Horses For Him Is a Difficult Matter.

Arthur J. Caton, a well known clubman and Chicago millionaire, was in Decatur yesterday and purchased four carriage horses from Will Wallace. The animals were shipped to Chicago last night. Mr. Caton is well known as a breeder of race horses and is said to stand third in the United States as a breeder of famous racers. He formerly owned Highwood, now owned by D. W. Brennenman, and speaking of that sire said "I paid \$3,700 for Highwood when he was a sucking colt and I believe that he is the greatest sire in the country today. If I was his owner now, as D. W. Brennenman is, I would not sell him for \$25,000."

### HIGH PRICED CARRIAGE HORSES.

When asked about the horses that he had purchased here yesterday, Mr. Caton at first refused to say anything but after a moment's study he said: "When a man gives several thousand dollars for a pair of carriage horses the majority of people say he is a monkey, and I don't want anyone to think I am telling the price just to show how much I can pay if I want to. I'll not tell you what I paid for the horses that I bought and Mr. Wallace will not tell you for requested that I would keep a bureau secret. The fact is that I paid Mr. Wallace more for the team I bought than he ever received for a team of drivers. It is the highest priced team that Mr. Wallace ever handled. By the way, too, Mr. Wallace has the finest lot of horses that I ever saw. I saw horses that I feel will fill the bill exactly, but I did not make the purchases. I shall recommend to my friends that they come down and look them over. I wouldn't hesitate to select a wife for a man if it was necessary, but I would not purchase a team of horses for him."

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